



# Drug Court & Methamphetamine Fact Sheet

## Quick Facts:

- Thirty-two drug courts are now operating in Utah
- Over 5,000 Utahns have participated or are currently participating in a drug court
- Over 3,000 Utahns have graduated from a drug court
- 61% of drug court participants graduated and 89% reported decrease in drug use
- Next year, 2,300 Utahns will participate in drug court
- Methamphetamine is the number one drug of choice for individuals between the ages of 26 and 35
- Methamphetamine is the primary substance of abuse for 40% of drug court participants and 60% of drug board participants admitted to treatment
- Methamphetamine abuse increases the risk of child abuse and neglect and domestic violence
- Utah County reports that parents involved in their Family Drug Court program were 1/3 less likely to have their parental rights terminated

## FUNDING

Since FY 2001, the State Legislature has appropriated 1.6 million dollars annually, from the Tobacco Settlement Account, to fund drug courts and drug boards. Growth in the number of drug courts and, in overall participation, has led to a need for additional funds for Drug Courts and Drug Boards.

- Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) currently provides funding for 16 of the 32 drug court programs
- Existing programs have capped enrollment due to funding constraints
- Since 2001, participation has grown by 56% (805 participants in 2001, 1,159 in 2005)
- DSAMH estimates that 4,200 offenders are unable to participate at current funding levels and would likely benefit from drug court expansion

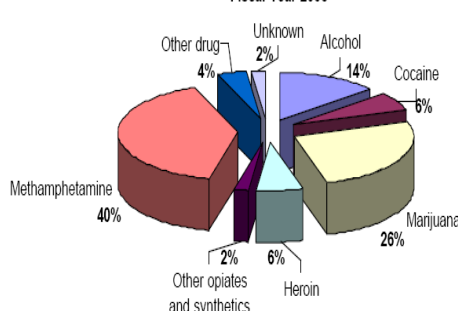
Utah Law (U.C.A. § 78-3-32 ) requires that funds disbursed to a drug court program shall be allocated as follows:

- 87% to the Department of Human Services for testing, treatment, and case management—the Governor has recommended \$1,740,000 this year
- 13% to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for increased judicial and court support costs—AOC will require \$260,000 to fund drug court judicial costs

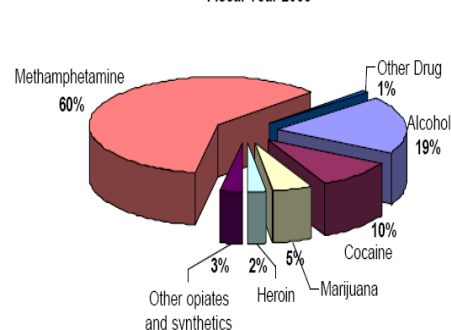
## METHAMPHETAMINE AND DRUG COURTS

Methamphetamine users respond well to treatment if they can be successfully engaged and retained in these programs for adequate periods of time. Last year, Utahns participating in drug court spent an average of 389 days in treatment — 61% of drug court participants graduated and 89% reported decrease in drug use.

Primary Drug of Choice for Drug Court Participants Statewide  
Fiscal Year 2005



Primary Drug of Choice for Drug Board Participants  
Fiscal Year 2005



Drug Courts promote a positive treatment response in methamphetamine users, by using contingency procedures as central principles for initiating and sustaining treatment involvement. The overall goal of successful completion is broken down into smaller more manageable goals. This is extremely important in producing positive treatment outcomes with methamphetamine users (*National Drug Court Institute, Drug Court Practitioner Fact Sheet, April 2000, Vol. II, No.2*).